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HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY

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Street Address: Main Street, Randolph Center, Town of Randolph,  
Orange County, Vermont

Present Owner: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Quaremba, 857 Hillcrest Road,  
Ridgewood, New Jersey

Present Occupant: Owners - summers only

Present Use: Summer residence

Brief Statement  
of Significance: This house, erected in 1804 and associated with an  
important Vermont family, reflects the architectural  
values of an upper-class family of this period.

PART I. HISTORICAL INFORMATION

A. Physical History:

1. Original and subsequent owners: Built and originally owned by Dudley Chase. To Isaac F. Redfield, Vermont Chief Justice after 1846. Then to J. K. Parish, a Vermont Judge. To present owners in 1942.
2. Date of erection: 1804
3. Architect, builder, suppliers, etc.:  
Architect: Unknown  
Builder, suppliers, etc.: Local
4. Original plans, construction, etc.: Unknown
5. Notes on alterations and additions: Windows and hardware indicate some alterations or remodeling were made in the latter part of the last century. The present owners, since 1942, have demolished a large rear wing and rebuilt the rear part of the house, containing the kitchen and modern living room. The present owners have completely redecorated the interior, which was in ruinous condition, restoring the original character as conditions allowed. The central hall, two front parlors, dining room, and corresponding bedrooms on the second floor above preserve the general original appearance and detail.
6. References: Abby Maria Hemenway, editor, The Vermont Historical Gazetteer, Volume ii, Burlington, Vermont, 1871, pp. 1024(2)-1025, et al.

Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration, Vermont, A Guide to the Green Mountain State, Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, 1937, p. 217.

Mr. Wesley Herwig, Randolph Center, Vermont.

Mrs. Anthony Quaremba, 857 Hillcrest Road, Ridgewood, New Jersey.

- B. Historical Events Connected with the Structure: Dudley Chase (1771-1846), the builder and original owner: Born Cornish, N. H.; Dartmouth College 1790; Vermont State's Attorney 1803; State legislature 1805-1812 and 1823-1824, Speaker 1807-1812; U. S. Senator 1813-1817 and 1825-1831; Judge of Vermont Supreme Court 1817-1821. Dudley Chase was the uncle of Salmon Chase of Cornish, N. H., who was Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court 1864-1873. Salmon Chase studied law with his uncle in this house in Randolph Center.

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## PART II. ARCHITECTURAL INFORMATION

### A. General Statement:

1. Architectural character: This house is larger and much more elaborately ornamented than was typical for this area and period.
2. Condition of fabric: Maintained in excellent condition. Present owners have done much interior work to restore the building from a nearly ruinous condition.

### B. Technical Description of Exterior:

1. Overall dimensions: Two stories, plus cellar. Front rectangular block approximately 36' x 20', plus modern ell approximately 20' x 30'.
2. Foundations: Brick foundations, partly covered with modern concrete reinforcing abutments.
3. Wall construction: Timber frame covered with clapboards. Facade ornamented with four Ionic pilasters, with the center bay rising to a pediment over the main entrance door.
4. Porches, stoops, bulkheads, etc.: Cut stone entrance stoops.
5. Chimneys: Four chimneys, one of which was built after 1942.

6. Openings:

- a. Doorways and doors: Two lighted modern rear doors. Front door: Six panel with side and transom lights and an ornamented frame of four Ionic pilasters and pediment. Palladian window on second story above.
- b. Windows and shutters: Two-light over two-light double-hung windows (apparently not original) with fixed slat shutters - front and sides. Modern windows in the rear.

7. Roof:

- a. Shape, covering: Hipped roof, asphalt shingles.
- b. Cornice, eaves: Boxed, moulded eaves with dentil course all around.
- c. Dormers, cupolas: None except dormer-like pediment over entrance.

C. Technical Description of Interiors:

1. Floor plans: Central hall type with interior chimneys. Parlors in the front on either side of hall with dining room and modern living room behind and modern kitchen to the rear. Bedrooms on second floor in similar arrangement.
2. Stairways: Main stairway, straight run in central entrance hall. Secondary stairway at the rear of house.
3. Flooring: Wide pine flooring in old parts of house. Hardwood in modern rear parts.
4. Ceiling and wall finish: Plastered, papered.
5. Doorways and doors: Some four-panel, but mostly six-panel, doors.
6. Trim: Moulded wood trim. Northeast parlor hand-carved trim and fireplace.
7. Hardware: Mostly wrought iron. Some porcelain door knobs. Hardware from various periods.
8. Lighting: Electric
9. Heating: Central heat no longer operable. Six fireplaces.

D. Site:

1. General setting and orientation: House faces east on a large lot in a very small rural town. The back yard opens to farm land.

2. Enclosures: None
3. Outbuildings: Barn and milk house to rear. Original barn in very dilapidated condition.
4. Walks, driveways, etc.: Gravel driveway.
5. Landscaping, gardens, etc.: Informal landscaping - lawn, trees, shrubs and flowers.

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